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1. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT BY NZ PRIME MINISTER W E ROWLING, HIMSELF  
A FORMER FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR:
2. "ONE OF THE MOST HEARTENING AND EXCITING ASPECTS OF THE MODERN  
WORLD IS THE DESIRE OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACK-GROUNDS  
AND CULTURES TO EXAMINE OLD PROBLEMS IN DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES.
3. "THIS OFTEN RESULTS IN THE BREAKING DOWN OF THE OLD ARTIFICIAL  
BARRIERS OF DISTRUST AND MISUNDERSTANDING.
4. " THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME HAS SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED  
THAT MEN AND WOMEN OF GOODWILL CAN COME TOGETHER IN A COMMON  
SPIRIT TO EXCHANGE IDEAS, WORK TOGETHER AND FORM LASTING FRIEND-  
SHIPS. I CAN CERTAINLY BEAR PERSONAL TESTIMONIAL TO THAT.
5. "IT IS ONLY THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-  
STANDING AMONG INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY THAT THERE  
CAN BE ANY EXPECTATION OF A SECURE AND PEACEFUL FUTURE.
6. "FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FORM ONE OF THE POWERFUL WEAPONS  
WITH WHICH WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

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7. "IN AN AGE OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED

TECHNOLOGY, THE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION CAN BE VIRTUALLY INSTANTANEOUS. YET WE HAVE A LONG ROAD TO TRAVEL IN COMMUNICATING UNDERSTANDING AND INDIVIDUAL PHILOSOPHY. THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE BENEFITS THEY BRING, ARE STEPS FORWARD-ONES WHICH I HOPE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

8. " I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE YEARS AHEAD WILL SEE THE STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SCHEME WHICH HAS MADE SUCH INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD UNDERSTANDING."  
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